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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Kim T. Nguyen

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**Period for Reply**

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/4/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Examiner acknowledges receipt of the RCE filed on 10/4/06. Currently, claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crawford, III et al (Provisional application No. 60/481,555) in view of Yoseloff (US. Patent No. 6,386,973).**

Claim 1: Crawford discloses an electronic game table comprising a table frame 10 (Fig. 1); a plurality of player terminals 14 (Fig. 1) including a display and data input means 11 (Fig. 1); a central processing unit 12 (Fig. 1) connected to the player terminals, the central processing unit configured to cause the display of confidential cards on each of the terminal displays (paragraphs 0028 and 0031). Crawford does not explicitly disclose including a common display in a position visible to the at least two players and connected to the central processing unit and that the central processing includes a random generator. However, Yoseloff discloses including a common display in a position visible to the at least two players and connected to the central processing unit and that the central processing includes a random generator (col. 17, lines 56-65; col. 18, lines 8-12; and col. 9, lines 52-57). It would have been obvious to a person of

ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the common display and to incorporate the random generator with the processing unit as taught by Yoseloff to the electronic game table of Crawford in order to facilitate viewing cards from all the players and to distribute the cards randomly.

Claims 2-3: Crawford discloses connecting the central processing unit to the network (paragraph 0029). Further, connecting the central processing unit to a well-known network type such as LAN, Internet or Intranet would have been obvious design choice.

Claim 4: using data input means for anteing the bets, betting, or indicating role of a dealer would have been well known to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Claim 5: Yoseloff discloses positioning the common display on the table (Fig. 3).

Claims 6-7: refer to discussion in claims 2-3 above.

Claim 8: Yoseloff discloses a poker game table for a number of players up to seven players (Fig. 1; col. 9, lines 22-24). Providing a poker game table that can accommodate for a number of players from two to ten players would have been well known and obvious design choice.

As per claim 9-14, refer to discussion in claims 9-14 above.

Claim 15: Crawford discloses dealing confidential cards to each individual player terminal (paragraph 0031).

Claims 16 and 18: Crawford discloses obscuring the display of the confidential card from the players associated with other individual player terminals (paragraph 0032).

Claim 17: Crawford discloses that the confidential cards are visible from the individual player terminal on which they were caused to display (paragraphs 0032, 0034).

Claims 19-26: refer to discussion in claims 1, 16-19 above.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4441. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai, can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The central official fax number is (571) 273-8300.

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